

Remarks

Reconsideration is requested in view of the previous amendments and the following remarks. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 51-53 and 72-81 are in the application. Support for new claims 74-81 can be found in the specification at, for example, page 9, line 29 to page 10, line 11, and FIGS, 8A-8B. No new matter is introduced.

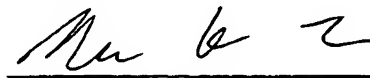
Claims 51-55 and 71-72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter that is not described in the specification. This rejection is traversed. According to the Examiner, the specification does not support the recitation "the ruthenium-containing layer having a non-textured surface adjacent the supporting structure." Figure 2 of the application shows a roughened ruthenium layer 16 situated on a smooth surface of a supporting structure 10. According to the specification, such a ruthenium-containing layer can be continuous or discontinuous, but is shown as discontinuous in Figure 2. Hence, Figure 2 illustrates a ruthenium-containing layer having a non-textured surface adjacent the supporting structure as recited in claims 51-55 and 71-72. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested. The disclosure of this recited feature is apparent in Figure 2, and Applicants request that the Examiner state with specificity why he believes that this feature is not supported.

If any questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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